Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 17, 2015 Rockport Town Hall, Conference Room A

In Attendance: Joe Parisi, Robert Tibert; Absent: Linda Sanders

Guests: Shannon Mason, Mary Jane Morrell, Zenas Seppala, Tobey Arsenian, Katie Serpa, and Barry Pett.

Meeting Opened: 1:30 p.m.

Granite Street Sidewalk: Parisi reviewed the proposal to request funding from the State for the addition of a sidewalk on Granite Street from Haven Avenue to the Gloucester town line. Mr. Pett reported that Governor Baker is not releasing funds for this type of project; currently projects to improve safety on school routes and major road reconstruction are being funded. Senator Tarr will support this project and work on funding however it may take several years. Mr. Arsenian asked for clarification of the line of command. Parisi will speak to Sanders to clarify the approval process. Mr. Pett suggested that a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen would be helpful. Several residents spoke in support of the project. This item will remain on the Traffic Committee pending list.

Pleasant Street and Marshall Street: Parisi reported a resident's concern about safety in the area of this intersection. The resident reported problems with the "Stop" sign and speeding in the area. Sargent Tibert validated the resident's concern; the police department plans to increase monitoring and enforcement of traffic regulations in this area.

Railroad Avenue: Parisi received a proposal from Mr. Ross to improve sidewalks and crosswalk safety in the area of the train station on Railroad Avenue. Parisi clarified that the train station parking lot is the responsibility of the MBTA. Improving line of site in the various crosswalks and the designated walking area by the MBTA and other business parking lots along Railroad Avenue is a good idea. Mr. Ross's suggestions may be considered with future major renovations on this road. No action at this time.

Pending Item list: Reviewed in preparation for the meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment: Parisi moved to adjourn; Sargent Tibert seconded and it was voted unanimously at 3:00 p.m.